

KIWITEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Location: Kiwitea Hall, Kiwitea

Date: 26 June 2024

Time: 7.00pm (NZST)

1. Present:

Michael Ford, Paula Scott, Vicki Doyle, , Desiree Silk, Vicki Stack, Pete Thomas, , Mark Dickons, Amy Weston, Bailey Jacobs, Jewel Brown

Apologies

Gayna Brown,
Audra Hoggard
Caro Shannon
Glen Terry,
Jo Terry
Kate Ellery
Erana Caldwell
Helen Worboys

2. Minutes from the last meeting

The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting dated 28 April 2024.

Matters Arising

No matters arising from last meeting

3. Correspondence

Letter to Ruahine Kindergarten Association.

Jewel Brown spoke to the committee regarding writing a letter in support of keeping the Kimbolton kindergarten open. It is in danger of being closed down due to being unsustainable financially. The kindergarten feeds into the local rural schools and is a support for local families. Paula and Vicki S to write a letter on behalf of the kiwitea community in support of keeping it open by 2 July.

4. Finance

The committee discussed and decided to increase the bond of the hall hireage to \$250. Bailey will do a checklist for bond refunds.

Income

Hall Hire Mark Burke 27 April \$100.00

Hall Hire Tamsin Laird from Catchment Solution Project June \$100.00 (to be paid)

Expenses since the last meeting:

Refund Fiona Kitchen \$60.00 for the Cancelled High Tea Event

Pay Guthrie Bowron \$408.36 for Exterior Wall Preparation. This did not include the cost of the primer that Dulux was being asked to cover the cost of. Invoice#3498

Closing Balance as at 26/6/24 \$21781.84

KIWITEA HALL MONTHLY FINANCIAL

FINANCIAL REPORT 1/4/24 to 30/6/24

KIWITEA COMMUNITY

April, May, June

Opening Balance	22049.45
Plus Income	
Hall Hire	100.00
Event income - Pink ribbon	60.00
Credit Interest	40.75
TOTAL	200.75
Less Expenses	
Refund F.Kitchen cancelled pink Ribbon event	60.00
Guthrie Bowron - Exterior Wall Paint Prep	408.36

5. Community catch up / Civil Defence community meeting

Vicki Stack to contact Vicky at the Council to follow up on the civil defence bools for Kiwitea. Once they are received we can organise a date in the Spring for a community catch up, civil defence training / awareness, more defib training.

6. Hall Update

Anna from Guthrie Bowron confirmed that Dulux are still keen to provide the paint for the hall. A rep from Dulux will be in touch regarding further prep work required. Paula has contacted James at MDC to see if the council could help with some of the more technical prep work (mainly repairing a couple of rotten windows).

Desiree to speak with David Thompson regarding hall boundary to look at fencing an area off and putting French doors and deck in if there is enough land.

Paula met with Jonsey to build the wall between the mens toilet and the wheelchair toilet.

The KCC is looking at either having the floors sanded or cleaned. It is \$5,500 to have the supper room floor sanded and polyutharained. The quote to clean the floor in the hall is \$800. Vicky D to go back to hire a house wife to discuss the cleaning further.

Paula and Vicki D will look at some upgrades in the bathrooms.

7. Community Newsletter

Paula has started drafting the newsletter. The playgroup, the church and the school are working on content to add to the newsletter. The newsletter will be sent out once a date for the Spring community catch up has been decided.

A note will be added to the newsletter giving people the option of receiving community updates and further newsletters by email.

8. Council Update

Long Term Plan officially signed off – culmination of 2 years work

Roading rate differentials to be removed over a 3 year period. Carried 11-0

Kowhai Park aviaries to be closed and replaced with display gardens. Carried 6-5

Town Centre parking limit enforcement to be funded 75% general Rates and 25% CBD Targeted Rate. Carried 10-0 with 1 abstention

Past CBD streetscape redevelopment to be funded 100% through General Rates. Carried 10-1

Building Control moving to more user pay fees – 80% & 20% rates. Carried 11-0

Solid waste moving to more user pay fees – 60% - 70% & 30% - 40% rates. Carried 11-0

Because NZTA not funding as many cycle ways, MDC wasn't confident of getting their subsidy for the Mt Biggs to Feilding section of the Te Araroa Trail, so they redistributed those funds into general roading maintenance in order to still receive the subsidy. Carried 10-0

MDC brought forward the funding for the Waituna West Rural Water Scheme land purchase, easements and security fencing (\$153,362 excl GST) from years 1 – 4 of the LTP to Year 1 of the LTP 2024 – 2034. Carried 10-0

Based on deliberations the expenditure for the LTP increased \$50,000, however Council chose to leave the rates increase at 7.09% and source the additional expenditure from alternative revenue sources.

Manawatu District Council has one of the lowest rate increases in New Zealand and the average over 10 years is budgeted at just over 5%. The average proposed rates increase for New Zealand was 15% and with several over 20%, so 7% looks pretty good.

Manawatu District Council feels it is in good shape with roads at a higher standard than required by NZTA, generally good 3 waters infrastructure and with a budget to keep improving, and a few good growth projects. Parks and reserves are good, the new Library/Community Hub opens next month, Makino

Aquatic Centre is a good facility and they invest in economic development. The Turners Road extension stage 1 is complete (see the new Built Smart and central Demolition buildings) and stages 2 and 3 commence in a years time. This will open up industrial land for up to 70 smaller industrial businesses or a smaller number of larger businesses.

MDC are going to be deciding in the next few months whether they go alone as a Council for 3 waters or form a CCO (Council Controlled Organisation) in conjunction with 1 or more nearby councils or even all the councils in the Horizons Region. MDC are keeping open minds, and the decision will be based on what is best for our ratepayers, but MDC have the option of going alone because of the good investment in infrastructure over decades, unlike some neighbours and councils around New Zealand. MDC will maintain ownership, accountability and decision making and there is no co-governance.

Feilding has the 2 nd highest residential rates in New Zealand for 2 main reasons – lots of roads and not many people (compare to Palmy for example) and the fact that they have invested well in good infrastructure. MDC expect that other councils will catch up over the next few years with their high rates increases and big infrastructure investment bills.

MDC had a victory with earthquake prone buildings. MDC has taken a leadership role nationally. The Minister announced a 4 year extension for deadlines which is helpful, but more importantly he has announced a complete review of the legislation. Michael Ford will hopefully be on an advisory board to help with that review.

They are also winning with the new Government on the National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land (NPS:HPL). They will be excluding Class 3 soils from the NPS:HPL. MDC want to maintain Class 1 and 2 soils for food production but want some flexibility to be able to do some subdivision on Class 3 and above soils otherwise we have no-where to grow over the next 30 years. Without Class 3 excluded MDC can't currently extend Feilding or the villages in the south where people want to live or have lifestyle options in those areas. They are also winning with Horizons and Landcare in respect to which map can be used. There is a large difference between maps and the new map decision is helpful for MDC.

9. Next meeting date will be Wednesday 28 August at 7.pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed
(Chair)
